



**CITY OF GILROY
LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 | 7:00 PM

**GILROY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
350 W. 6TH STREET
GILROY, CA 95020**

Chair: Victoria Coverson-Baxter

Vice Chair: Saeid Nooshabadi

Commissioners: Gabriela Kim

Staff Liaison: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director and Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator



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The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1. **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
6. **LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. **Review Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.**
 1. Staff Report: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator
 2. Public Comment:
 3. Possible Action: Review and comment on Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. **Approval of the 2025 Library Commission meeting schedule.**
 1. Staff Report: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator
 2. Public Comment:
 3. Possible Action: Motion to approve the 2025 Library Commission meeting schedule.
 - 8.2. **Commission Initiated Future Agenda Items: Discussion on Library Commission's Mission Statement and Potential Promotional Event.**
 1. Staff Report: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator
 2. Public Comment:
 3. Possible Action: Commission discussion on developing a mission statement for the Library Commission and hosting a potential promotional event.
9. **LIBRARY REPORTS**
 - 9.1. **County Library report for September 2024, October 2024, and November 2024.**
 1. Staff Report: Jennifer Weeks, Santa Clara County Librarian
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Review and comment on Santa Clara County Library report.
 - 9.2. **Gilroy Library Report**
 1. Staff Report: Cassandra Wong, Gilroy Librarian
 2. Public Comment:
 3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on Gilroy Library report.
10. **STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Gilroy
Library Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 | 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Coverson-Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

2.

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Victoria Coverson-Baxter, Chair Saied Nooshabadi, Vice Chair Gabriela Kim, Commissioner
Absent	None

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda was posted online and in the City Hall kiosk on Friday, August 9, 2024.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1. **Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Gabriela Kim, Commissioner

SECONDER Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Nooshabadi

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Gabriela Kim, Commissioner

SECONDER Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Nooshabadi

6. **LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION**

The Commission and County Library acknowledge the recognition of Juan Guzman for his hard work and dedication to the Gilroy library. His contributions to the library have not gone unnoticed, and it is well-deserved recognition.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1. **Review Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.**

Staff liaison Bautista reviewed the current work plan with the Commission and provided updates which are noted below:

- **Training/Conference:** Chair Coverson-Baxter attended the ALA conference in San Diego. She made a presentation to the commission regarding sessions she attended at the conference and highlighted key takeaways. She had a valuable and enjoyable experience and highly recommends that the Commission consider sending someone else to a future conference. The conference featured a wide range of sessions and workshops, with over 20,000 attendees. While at the conference, Chair

Baxter visited with authors; attended sessions on diversity, leadership, fostering community ties, outreach, and engagement; and networked with other library boards and commissioners.

- **Commission Interviews:** The Library Commission has received one application to date. Since the application was submitted in March but the interview will not be until November or December, staff will check to see if the applicant is still interested and report back.
- **Capital Improvements:** This item was a separate agenda item.

7.2. **Review of Proposed Conceptual Plan of Improvements to the Library Facilities Utilizing Unspent Library Bond Proceeds.**

Finance Director Harjot Sangha requested this item be heard prior to Item 7.1. Sangha made opening remarks to include background of the current library facility's construction, the financing, and the remaining unspent bond proceeds. Subsequently, County Librarian Jennifer Weeks and Katia McClain, an Architect hired by the County library to prepare conceptual feasibility study, presented conceptual designs of the library improvements to the Commission, which was included in the meeting packet. Santa Clara County Librarian Jennifer Weeks also provided input. They provided an overview of the project's scope and timeline. Due to the restriction of the bond, the project's focus will be limited to rehabilitating the existing facility.

The Commission provided input and voted unanimously to recommend City Council add the project to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to utilize unspent library bond proceeds. Approximately, \$5.4 million of the bond proceeds remain unspent.

8. **LIBRARY REPORTS**

8.1 **County Library Report for June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024.**

Santa Clara County Librarian Jennifer Weeks presented her report that included the following:

- Drawing for Kids Bop tickets for September 22nd show.
- Student support services- School is back.
- Partnership with the district to ensure every child has library access.
- Homework assistance for Kinder-6th grade.
- Volunteers on-site to assist students.
- Adult learners: ESL classes
- Reading program for adults' literacy
- New Literacy Center called "the nest" in Campbell.

8.2 **Gilroy Library Report**

County Librarian for the Gilroy Library, Casandra Wong, shared the following from her report:

- New Passport services at the Library in English/Spanish.
- Summer Lunch in the Library program.

- Youth events such as a magician show, arts and crafts activities and teen paint night.
- Data on borrowing materials and program attendance, which have returned to pre-pandemic levels.
- Trends: The latest library trends (e.g., Vietnamese bilingual story time). “Lunch in the Library” program served over 1600 meals
- Upcoming projects and events such as Story Walk, City Connections and Partnerships and Digital Inclusion and Equity.

9. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff Bautista reminded the Commission that the next meeting is confirmed for Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Also, staff will confirm a date for the Library Commission’s annual presentation to City Council.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Additionally, Chair Coverson-Baxter has expressed interest in hosting a meet and greet for current library commissioners. To facilitate this, further planning will be necessary. Chair also requested that an item be brought back to the Commission’s regarding its Purpose and Mission and adding it to the Agenda as a statement.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Coverson-Baxter adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

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Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Division
Recording Secretary



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Review Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025

Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

From: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

Review and comment on Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

BACKGROUND

On May 24, 2023, the commission adopted its workplan for the next two fiscal years (FY24 and FY25). They plan addresses the following:

- Review and provide feedback on the Santa Clara County Library System regarding library services and programs offered at the Gilroy location.
- Participate in the annual California Library Association (CLA) or the American Library Association (ALA) conference, which will be held on June 27 – July 2, 2024, in San Diego.
- Promote the commission's purpose and library system to increase interest among prospective applicants to serve as commissioners.
- Provide recommendations to City Administrator and the City Council regarding potential capital improvement to the City's library facility based on the needs identified by the Santa Clara County Library staff and the Gilroy community, to be funded by the remaining library bond proceeds. There is approximately \$5 million available for facility upgrades. The Library and City are identifying a recommended list of improvements.

ANALYSIS

The following are updates to the Commission's current work plan:

1. **American Library Association Conference:** Chair Coverson-Baxter, who was selected by the Commission to attend the American Library Association's annual conference, shared her insights and experiences. Baxter provided an oral report from the conference that included the sessions she attended, networking opportunities, and key takeaways.

Chair Coverson-Baxter also shared her insights and experience with the City Council as part of the Annual Library Commission Presentation/update to the City Council on October 7th. In early 2025, the Library Commission will need to select a commissioner to attend either the CLA or the ALA conference, pending the schedule announcement.

2. **Promotion of Library Commission:** The City Clerk's office has received three applications to be on the Commission. Two (2) seats with terms expiring 12/31/2024. The term of Chair Coverson-Baxter is set to expire on December 31. Similarly, Commissioner Kim's term is also scheduled to expire on the same date. Two (2) vacant positions remain open that expire on December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027, respectively.

The application deadline is December 6, 2024. Interviews will take place on January 6, 2025. Future appointments will be January 27, 2025.

3. **Capital improvements to the Gilroy Library:**

On October 7, 2024: The City Council formally added the Library Bond Improvement Project to the City's CIP in FY25 and appropriated funds for the Design Phase

Tentative Schedule/Next Steps:

- November 2024: The County Library team and the Architect conduct additional community engagement on the proposed improvements.
- December 2024: The County team finalizes the feasibility study and cost estimate.
- February 2025: Issue RFP for the design phase.
- April 2025: City Council awards design phase to Architectural Consultant.
- May 2025: Consultant begins design (construction documents).
- September 2025: Consultant completes design (construction documents).
- October 2025: Present the Design to the Library Commission, City Council, and the Community.
- December 2025: Finalize construction documents, solicit bids, and review bids.
- February 2026: City Council awards construction contract.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff report is included in the publicly posted agenda for this meeting.



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Approval of the 2025 Library Commission meeting schedule.

Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

From: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve the 2025 Library Commission meeting schedule.

BACKGROUND

The Library Commission meets on a regular basis, following its usual frequency of four or five times per calendar year. The Commission is scheduled to maintain its regular schedule of meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Gilroy Library.

For the current vacant positions on the Library Commission, the City Clerk's office has received three applications to be on the Commission. Two (2) seats with terms expiring 12/31/2024. The term of Chair Coverson-Baxter is set to expire on December 31. Similarly, Commissioner Kim's term is also scheduled to expire on the same date. Two (2) vacant positions remain open that expire on December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027, respectively. The application deadline is December 6, 2024. City Council interviews are scheduled for January 6, 2025, City Council meeting and the appointment will occur at the January 27, 2025 City Council meeting.

Given that we currently have commissioner terms expiring, we will not have a quorum for a January meeting. Therefore, staff are proposing to commence the 2025 meetings beginning February 2025.

The tentative meeting dates for 2025 are as follows:

- January 8, 2025
- **February 12, 2025**
- March 12, 2025
- **April 9, 2024**
- May 14, 2025

Approval of the 2025 Library Commission meeting schedule.

- **June 11, 2025**
- July 9, 2025
- **August 13, 2025**
- September 10, 2025
- October 8, 2025
- **November 12, 2025**
- December 10, 2025

Bold indicates suggested meeting dates based on previous year.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff report is included in the publicly posted agenda for this meeting.



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Commission Initiated Future Agenda Items: Discussion on Library Commission's Mission Statement and Potential Promotional Event

Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

From: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

Commission discussion on developing a mission statement for the Library Commission and hosting a potential promotional event.

BACKGROUND

At the August 14 meeting, Chair Coverson-Baxter expressed interest in developing a mission statement for the Library Commission. The purpose of a mission statement would encompass the Commission's values and objectives. This would help align the Commissions' goals and communicate them effectively to both internal and external stakeholders.

In addition, as the Commission continues to share ideas on how it can promote serving on the commission to residents, one initiative was a potential "meet and greet" event. This is an opportunity for members of the public to become acquainted with the Library Commission and engage in an open discussion.

ANALYSIS

Chair Coverson-Baxter initiated these topics and will provide a report on the proposals.

For discussion purposes, staff have included the following:

- Gilroy Charter Section 908 – establishes the Gilroy Library Commission and outlines its' powers and duties (Attached)
- Examples of other Library Comissions' Mission Statements:
 - [San Jose Library and Education Commission](#)
 - [City of Pacific Grove's Library Board](#)

To implement this item within the current work plan, a formal motion to approve is required by the Commission.

Attachments:

1. Library Commission's powers and duties, per the City Charter.

Section 908. Library Commission: Established: Powers and Duties.

There shall be a Library Commission consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Council which shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the Council and the City Administrator in all matters pertaining to public libraries located in or serving Gilroy;
 - (b) Provide a public forum for community concerns regarding library issues;
 - (c) Act in an advisory capacity to the Santa Clara County Library System regarding the Gilroy branch, and to any other public library system serving Gilroy, in regard to service levels, library hours, building uses, and long-range planning;
 - (d) Be a liaison between the City and any public library system serving Gilroy;
 - (e) Encourage and coordinate a fund-raising committee of Gilroy residents duly appointed by the Council to develop and implement fund-raising activities to subsidize public libraries in and for Gilroy;
 - (f) Recommend to the City Administrator and Council the uses of any monies, donations of personal property or real estate designated for the Library; and
 - (g) Perform such other duties pertaining to any City of Gilroy Library or any Gilroy branch of the Santa Clara County Library System or other public library system serving Gilroy as may be prescribed by the Council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
- (Charter Amendment November 7, 1995)

Attachment 1 - Examples of Mission Statements from other city library commissions

- **City of San Jose** - The Commission advocates for high quality, impactful, and innovative library and education services that serve as a foundation for a vibrant and diverse city. The Commission provides a venue for public discussion of services and resources that support and promote education and world-class libraries.
- **City of Pacific Grove** - The Library Board advises and advocates for the needs of the library and the public it serves in support of excellence in collections and service. In partnership with the City Council, City Manager, Library Friends and Foundation and the Library Director, the board serves as a trusted source of recommendations for policy, funding, strategy, planning, and implementation. Board members are ambassadors for library services and credible voices from the community.

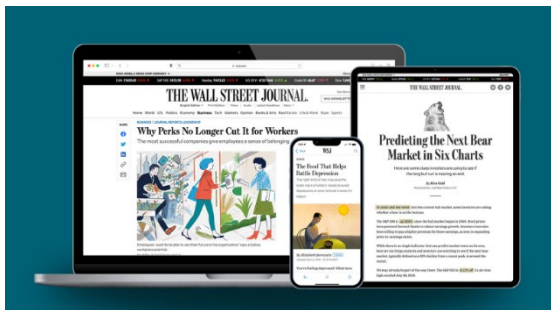
September 2024
Library Monthly Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



SCCLD and Bay FC Team up for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September

What better way to kick off [National Library Card Sign-up Month](#) than with an assist from the Bay Area's new National Women's Soccer League team, Bay FC! SCCLD will be offering two original library card designs featuring the team's logo, available at all libraries and Bookmobile stops. These exclusive cards are available to all residents starting on September 1, while supplies last. Find more details [here](#).

[Bay Football Club](#), Bay FC for short, was founded by four icons of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team – Brandi Chastain, Ally Wagner, Danielle Slaton, and Leslie Osborne. They are the first and only NWSL team in the Bay Area and 2024 is their inaugural season. Coming off an Olympic Gold Medal for Women's Soccer, we are very excited about this exclusive partnership for National Library Card Sign Up Month. SCCLD has also created booklists for [adults](#) and [kids](#) to share the love of the “beautiful game” with patrons of all ages.



Wall Street Journal Online now Available

Patrons who enjoy their daily access to The Wall Street Journal, one of the nation's premiere financial newspapers, have a new, more visually engaging way to view the publication. New and back issues from the past four year of the Journal are now available in an [online edition](#). Find full digital views of the pages of the newspaper, including images. For those interested in archival copies of issues more than four years old, our original [text only version](#) of the Journal is available, dating back to 1984.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrating the languages and cultures of Latin America, the Caribbean and Spain is the focus of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which starts on September 15 and runs through October 15. Our libraries are planning a variety of [activities](#) to mark the occasion, including concerts, dance performances, arts and crafts, book discussions, film screenings and themed book and art displays.



Returning this year to several of our libraries is beloved musical group [Cascada de Flores](#). Their bilingual performances of traditional Mexican and Caribbean songs incorporate storytelling and dance. They will be appearing at Milpitas Library on [Saturday, September 14](#); Gilroy Library on [Saturday, September 21](#); Morgan Hill Library on [Thursday, October 3](#); Cupertino Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Los Altos Library on [Friday, October 11](#); and Saratoga Library on [Saturday, October 19](#).

Are you interested in learning more about Hispanic language and culture? Check out the Hispanic Heritage Month blog on our website, which will be posted in early September and include booklists. SCCLD has a [large selection](#) of titles *en español*. Our online library's [Spanish offerings](#) include OverDrive's Libby eBook and Audiobook selections for [adults](#) and [kids](#), the [New York Times](#), encyclopedias, and other resources. [Magzter](#) has issues of many other magazines and newspapers from across the world. More of a cinema buff? Then you'll love the [Hispanic Heritage Collection](#) on Kapopy. We also offer a variety of ways to [learn Spanish](#), including [Rosetta Stone Library Edition](#).



Labor Day, Staff Development Day

A national holiday since 1894, [Labor Day](#) honors the men and women who literally built America through their efforts. This year, Labor Day falls on Monday, September 2. While our industries have changed over the years, especially here in Silicon Valley, the spirit of the day is the same.

We are grateful for the more than 400 individuals who work seven days a week to deliver you high levels of library service that makes SCCLD one of the top library systems in the nation. We hope that everyone enjoys the well-deserved day off and invite them to explore our [online offerings](#), including films on [Hoopla](#) and [Kanopy](#), finding inner peace using the [Headspace](#) mindfulness and meditation app, or curling up with a good [eBook](#) or digital Audiobook.

SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be unavailable on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, but our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7. Our libraries will also be closed on Friday, September 27 for Staff Development Day, which was last held in 2019. Every two years, SCCLD brings together all library staff to provide training, share best practices with colleagues, build connections, and improve our services.

Banned Books Week

Each year the American Library Association draws attention to the harm caused by censorship. This year's [Banned Books Week](#) theme is "Freed Between the Lines," which states that choosing what books you want to read is a fundamental right. 2023 saw a 65% increase in titles targeted for censorship, the highest level documented by ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom in 20 years. SCCLD [offers a collection of materials](#) with diverse viewpoints to represent our communities and supports the [Library Bill of Rights](#).



International Literacy Day

[International Literacy Day](#), an initiative of UNESCO, is observed on Sunday, September 8 with a goal of informing policy-makers, educators and the public about the critical importance of literacy for creating a more informed, just, peaceful and sustainable society. Here at SCCLD our [Reading Program](#) is of crucial importance as a way to help welcome adults into the world of reading through one-on-one tutoring. We also are devoted to helping parents prepare this children for success with our [1,000 Books Before 6](#) early literacy skill building program, storytimes and wide variety of books for readers of every age. Our libraries have Literacy Day themed bookmarks at their Reference Desks for you to enjoy.

Voter Registration Day, Constitution Day

The U.S. Constitution, our nation's governing document, was signed by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787 in Philadelphia. This day is now known as [Constitution Day](#). One of the most basic and important rights contained in the constitution is the right to vote. On September 17, we are also recognizing [National Voter Registration Day](#) at our libraries.



Come by the library for voter registration forms, or they can be found online at the County Registrar of Voters' [website](#). There you will also find [information](#) about in-person voting center locations or drop-off box sites for mail-in ballots, which includes most of our libraries. The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 21 and in-person voting starts on Monday, October 7. More information about voting is available on our [website blog](#), as well as our online [Voting Resources](#) page.

VIRTUAL Author Talks

September Virtual Author Talks

Each month we bring talks with top authors to you virtually. September's schedule features a trio of authors.

Tuesday, September 10 at 11 am: *New York Times* bestselling nonfiction writer [Garret Graff](#) will speak about his body of work with an emphasis on his oral histories of [9/11](#) and [D-Day](#). [Please register](#).

Wednesday, September 18 at 11 am: Bestselling author and philosopher [Nate Klemp](#) shares his journey to [Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World](#). He helps us to chart a path back to a way of living that is expansive, creative and filled with wonder. [Register now!](#)

Saturday, September 21 at 4 pm: Novelist [Liane Moriarty](#) will talk about her latest page turner, [Here One Moment](#). A brilliantly constructed talk that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world. [Register here](#).

Homework Help Program Starting Soon

SCCLD libraries are offering homework help for students in grades K-6 in the subjects of Math, Science and English after Labor Day. Please check with your local library for specific dates and times when their programs will start.

Libraries, particularly Gilroy and Morgan Hill, are looking for [volunteers](#) 14 years and older to provide drop-in homework help after school at least once a week. Students can earn community service hours. Tutors must attend trainings and be background checked.



SEPTEMBER IS

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



National Preparedness Month

After enduring the hottest July on record in the Bay Area, the need to prepare for emergencies is very clear. September is [National Preparedness Month](#), when we encourage everyone to prepare for all possibilities.

Here in California, in addition to heat we should also be prepared for earthquakes, floods, and fires. The County's [Office of Emergency Management](#) has a number of helpful suggestions for how to prepare for these different potential challenges, as well [4-step plan](#) to protect yourself and your loved ones. Several of our libraries are [holding events](#) this month and in upcoming months to help you get ready.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

**** All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Mon., Sep. 2 for Labor Day and Fri., Sep. 27 for Staff Development Day ****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., 9/4 in Orchard City Banquet Hall & 9/18 and 9/25 will be in the Roosevelt Room/Room Q-80

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Estate Planning

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This workshop covers wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and strategies for protecting your property from risks and liabilities.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, September 5, and Monday, September 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Electrification of Homes

Thursday, September 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

This three-person panel will provide valuable insights into the benefits of electrification, available rebates, and the latest updates on local building codes.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in. Meet new friends, start new projects, or finish old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

Poetry Workshop: Beyond Rhyme

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Learn techniques to make your poems more meaningful using vowel sounds and try out these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Family Storytime

Saturday, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Teen Program: Learn to DJ

Saturday, September 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically. This program is for kids in grades 6-12. Attendees must bring their own laptops to this workshop. Please register.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, September 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Bicycling with Butterflies: My 10,201 Mile Journey Following the Monarch Migration*](#) by Sara Dykman.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, September 8, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies ages 0-12 months.

Police Read Along

Monday, September 9, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Join us for a special storytime with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. Please arrive on time, seating is limited.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, September 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, September 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Create CU: Suminagashi

Friday, September 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Come learn how to do the art of Suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique. All instruction and materials will be provided. This program is for adults 18+. Please register to save your spot.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Saturday, September 14, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Meet a Master Model LEGO Builder

Sunday, September 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

Master Model Builder Sam Suksiri teaches creative thinking skills to LEGO builders of all ages. Learn about his journey and get a hands-on LEGO demonstration. Please register.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [Now You See Us](#) by Balli Kaur Jaswal.

Flex Prep Seminar: Market Yourself as a Business Candidate

Wednesday, September 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

This program is designed to empower aspiring business leaders with the tools and insights needed to stand out in the competitive admissions landscape. Please register.

Poetry Workshop: Captivating Consonants

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Learn techniques to make your poems more meaningful using consonant sounds and try out these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Sunday Line Dance Program (no reservation needed)

Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, footwork and arm styling. For adult beginners to improver levels. No partner needed. Wear comfortable shoes.

581st Korean Alphabet Day Celebration

Sunday, September 29, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Enjoy Korean cultural performances and ceremonies, plus booths to learn more about Korean culture, including wearing costumes, writing Korean letters with brushes and making rice cakes.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

Monday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Help your children use the internet responsibly, including limiting screen time. Learn tips for how to keep them safe while they are online. Intended for children in grades 3 to 5.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Spice Up Your Life Kit**

Sunday, September 1 – Monday, September 30, Upstairs Information Desk

Spice up your September and pick up a sample of Aleppo Pepper. Also known as the Halaby pepper, it has a mild, slightly sweet and tangy heat that can be found in Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Turkish cuisine.

Butterfly Explorers/Exploradores de Mariposas

Tuesday, September 3 – Saturday, September 28, Children's Area

Starting September 3, watch caterpillars grow into butterflies. Then join us on Saturday, September 28 to enjoy a presentation by a special guest speaker and help us launch the butterflies.

A partir del 2 de septiembre, visita la Biblioteca de Gilroy para ver cómo las orugas se convierten en mariposas. Únete a nosotros el sábado 28 de septiembre para asistir a una presentación educativa de un invitado especial y para ayudarnos a lanzar las mariposas.

Free Snacks for Kids / Merienda gratis para niños

Tuesday, September 3 – Tuesday, September 30, 3 – 4 p.m., First Floor

Kids 18 and younger can stop by the library for a free after-school snack!

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda GRATIS después de la escuela!

Zumba

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required.

Zumba presenta ritmos como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., and Friday, September 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will discuss [Have You Seen Luis Velez?](#) by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Wednesday, September 4, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Study B

Learn how to prepare and plan for a disaster by creating a disaster kit, making a plan with your family and reconnecting with family and friends. All are welcome, no registration necessary.

Bilingual English and Vietnamese Storytime/Độc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

Come read, sing, dance, and play with Miss Như Ý. Mời bé đến đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý.

Clases de computación para principiantes en español

Wednesdays, September 4 and 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Únase a esta clase gratuita de computación básica y aprenda habilidades básicas de computación, incluyendo cómo encender y usar una computadora, cómo crear una cuenta de correo electrónico, cómo navegar el Internet, ¡y más! Favor de registrarse.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children's Area

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Digitalize Para Emprender Clases en español

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Este curso está diseñado para ayudar a los emprendedores a mejorar sus habilidades digitales y utilizar herramientas tecnológicas para impulsar sus negocios. Durante 6 semanas, los participantes aprenderán sobre marketing digital, comercio electrónico y gestión de redes sociales, entre otros temas clave para el éxito empresarial en la era digital. Se admiten visitas sin cita previa según lo permita el espacio. Regístrese para reservar su plaza.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, September 6 & 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Growing Vegetables in Fall and Winter

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Find out how many cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: ingles y español

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarians Patty and Cameron. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en ingles y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecarios Patty y Cameron.

Citizenship Classes/Clases de Ciudadanía

Saturdays, September 7 – October 26, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Ground Floor Meeting Room

Learn about the path to U.S. Citizenship, available resources, and instruction on how to pass the test. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Register to reserve your place.

Conozca el camino hacia la ciudadanía estadounidense, los recursos disponibles y las instrucciones sobre cómo aprobar el examen. Se admiten visitas sin cita previa según lo permita el espacio. Regístrese para reservar su plaza.

The Greatest Showman Circus Magic Show

Saturday, September 7, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Come celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with us as we enjoy a fun-filled family friendly magic show! ¡Ven a celebrar con nosotros el Mes de Inscripción de Tarjetas de Biblioteca mientras disfrutamos de un espectáculo de magia familiar lleno de diversión!

Create-N-Play /Crear y jugar

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Dive into your creativity with our weekly craft program. Each session is different, with new mediums, creative challenges. Come have fun while learning!

Explora tu creatividad con nuestro programa semanal de manualidades. Cada sesión es diferente, con nuevos medios, desafíos creativos. ¡Ven a divertirte mientras aprendes!

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

Community Automotive Education Series

Mondays, September 9, and Wednesday, September 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Join us for this two-part Automotive Education Series program brought to you by the De Anza College Automotive Technology Department: Get Family with Your Vehicle and What's Under the Hood. No experience necessary. Be sure to register so you receive a reminder email and don't miss out!

Únase a nosotros en este programa de dos partes de la Serie de Educación Automotriz, presentado por el Departamento de Tecnología Automotriz del Colegio De Anza: Familiarícese con Su Vehículo y Qué Hay Bajo el Capó. No se necesita experiencia. ¡Asegúrese de registrarse para recibir un correo electrónico de recordatorio y no se lo pierda!

Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrición

Tuesdays, September 10 – October 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrición que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables. Vea demostraciones de cocina y disfrute de comida y refrigerios de cortesía.

Public Benefits/Beneficios Públicos

Thursday, September 12, 2 – 3 p.m. Community Room

Join us for a presentation to learn how to access public benefits and how to respond to denials of public assistance. They will cover information on the types of programs available including: CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal/Medicaid, Covered California and more!

¡Únase a nosotros y aprenda cómo puede acceder a beneficios públicos y cómo responder a negaciones de asistencia pública! Cubriremos información sobre los tipos de programas disponibles, incluyendo: CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal/Medicaid, Covered California y más!

Moon Festival/Festival de la Luna

Thursday, September 12, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest

Come by the library to make paper lanterns, enjoy mooncake, and learn more about the festival.

Ven a hacer faroles de papel, disfruta pastelitos de luna, y aprende más sobre el festival.

LEGO Club

Friday, September 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creation that will be displayed in the library.

¡Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, September 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 17, 1 – 9 p.m., Lobby

Stop by the volunteer-staff table in the library lobby to fill out your voter registration form.

Pastel and Charcoal Drawing Class

Tuesday, September 17, 2 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Adult and teen artists welcome. Supplies provided. Reserve to guarantee spot.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Saturday, September 21, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Courtyard

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture.

A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Financial Planning: Social Security

Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Learn all about Social Security and the factors you need to take into account to make the best decisions for your family. No registration needed.

Financial Planning: One on One Consultations

Saturday, September 21, 12 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Sign up for a free 25-minute personal consultation with a Certified Financial Planner from the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley. You can ask about budgeting, retirement, tax planning, estate planning and more. One registration per person or couple. Register online.

Author Talk & Book Signing

Sunday, September 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Author Sonia Gomez will give an overview of her book, [*Picture Bride, War Bride: The Role of Marriage in Shaping Japanese America*](#), and how she came to write it, followed by Q&A and a book signing. Please register.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees*](#) by Meredith May.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

Thursday, September 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room

Help your children use the internet responsibly, including limiting screen time. Learn tips for how to keep them safe while they are online. Intended for children in grades 3 to 5.

Introduction to Gluten Free Baking

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Chef Amy Fothergill will discuss the basics of gluten-free baking, the different flours available, as well as how to make your own healthy blend. Please register.

Butterfly Explorers: Launch Day

Saturday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Children's Area

Join us for an educational presentation and help us launch our new butterflies into the environment. Únete a nosotros para una presentación educativa de un orador invitado y ayúdanos a liberar nuestras nuevas mariposas en el medio ambiente.

Gilroy City Council Election Forum

Saturday, September 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Hear from the candidates in the November 5 election about issues of important to you like jobs, neighborhood quality of life, and infrastructure. Presented by the Gilroy AAUW.

Book Discussion

Sunday, September 29, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Library Courtyard

Join local sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock for a lively discussion of the book, [*Feeding Each Other: Shaping Change in Food Systems Through Relationship*](#) by Nicole Civita and Michelle Auerbach.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Let's Make Origami (grades K-8)**

Sunday, September 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to create origami designs from origami paper. All materials provided, no registration required.

Vibrant Velocity Exhibit

September 3 – 29, Art Wall

Renata Aryanti's Vibrant Velocity art exhibition will be on display.

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers.

¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores.

ESL Class Session

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, September 3 – October 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Mondays and Fridays in the Orchard Room, Tuesdays in the Conference Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required.

Poetry Open Mic

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, September 4, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [Moscow Exile](#) by John Larston.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play.

World Affairs

Wednesday, September 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. Doors open at 6:30.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and games. We have board games for children, teens, and adults – plus LEGOs!

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Author Talk & Book Signing

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Author Sonia Gomez will give an overview of her book, [*Picture Bride, War Bride: The Role of Marriage in Shaping Japanese America*](#), and how she came to write it, followed by Q&A and a book signing. Please register.

3D Printing for Kids

Saturday, September 14, 2 – 4 p.m., Children's Room

Learn the basics of how a 3D printer works, choose an object to print, and watch your creation come to life. This is a drop-in program with a limited number of spots.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, September 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 17, 12 – 4 p.m., Lobby

Stop by the volunteer-staff table in the library lobby to fill out your voter registration form.

Book Bugs Book Club (Grade 2 & 3)

Tuesday, September 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Let's Mooove](#) by Courtney Sheinmel. We will discuss the book and make a fun craft. Please register.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Tuesday, September 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Page Turners Book Club (Grade 4 & 5)

Wednesday, September 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Report Card](#) by Andrew Clements and then do a fun activity. Please register.

Drink What You Grow

Wednesday, September 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

The Garden-to-Glass team will introduce you to six of their favorite plants that impact desirable flavors and aromas, ideal for crafting teas, infusions, syrup and other homemade beverages.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Work of Heart Studio will lead this workshop. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, and content will be the same for both sessions. Please attend one session per month.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

AIBridge

Sundays, September 22 & 29, 1 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn Python-based AI development from scratch. Participants must attend both sessions, have prior Python experience, a laptop and a Google account.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30- minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, September 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We are kicking off our new book club by reading [Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli. We will discuss the book and do a fun activity. Snacks will be provided. Please register.

Los Altos Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We discuss mostly contemporary fiction titles. Space is limited. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to get monthly reminders.

Card-Making with Dei

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Have you found yourself needing to grab a quick card to send to someone? Join us and make a card that is uniquely yours. All tools will be provided. No registration necessary.

Elephant & Piggie Party

Wednesday, September 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We'll read some books together, play Gerald & Piggie-inspired games, and make crafts celebrating friendship and fun. Recommended for ages 4+.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, September 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's go on a stunning journey of Guatemala.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, September 28, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Register online.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, September 30, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store](#) by James McBride.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers**

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. This program is designed for babies up to 12 months.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting September 3, 4 – 5:30 p.m.,

Program Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Bilingual English/Mandarin Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, September 4, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三下午5點 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

ESL Class Session

Mondays and Wednesdays, September 4 – December 4, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1 and 2 year olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 and 4 year olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, September 6 & 20, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you are stuck and share ideas. Instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Board Game Day

Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, September 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited. Younger siblings and parents are asked to wait outside.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, September 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*The Curse of Chalion*](#) by Lois McMaster Bujold.

Crafts Around the World (Grades K-8)

Wednesday, September 11, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will be making Filipino Parols. No registration required. All materials will be provided.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Saturday, September 14, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture. A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Tiny Dungeon

Saturday, September 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Tiny Dungeon is a simplified table-top role-playing game with easy-to-remember rules. We welcome players of all experience levels, ages 13+.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Greeting Card Craft for All Ages

Tuesday, September 17, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we make colorful greeting cards in honor of the Moon Festival.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English that nurture imagination, and inspire a love for learning! Furthermore, children will be able to showcase and practice their creative abilities with a variety of crafts activities. Chương trình ICAN Read! mở ra một thế giới đầy màu sắc cùng nhiều câu chuyện khơi dậy niềm yêu thích đọc sách ở trẻ. Ngoài ra, các bé có cơ hội thể hiện khả năng sáng tạo của mình thông qua các hoạt động thủ công.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, September 26, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Thursday, September 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

A certified Emergency Manager will walk participants through the steps they need to take to help their families mitigate loss and survive a disaster. A Personal Emergency Preparedness book will be provided.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, September 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños**

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes a jueves, 3 a 4 PM.

Stop by the library and pick up a **free** after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda **gratis** después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, September 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*Solito*](#) by Javier Zamora.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Thursday, September 5, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

The Teen Advisory Board helps to provide ideas and input about library programs and services for teens. Time spent in meetings and projects may be claimed as community service hours. Please fill out an application form online.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Kids Keva Club (ages 5+)

Friday, September 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails or tape.

Bilingual Spanish and English Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

Zumba

Mondays, September 9 & 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or participate in hands-on STEM activities. This program will focus on watercolor pointillist paintings.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Friday, September 13, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Bollywood Dance Class for Teens and Adults (ages 12+)

Monday, September 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Not only will you get to groove to energetic Bollywood beats, but you'll have the chance to explore a bit of South Asian culture and heritage. No registration required.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

Growing Vegetables in Fall and Winter

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Program Room

Find out how many cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, September 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Program Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity as we explore shadow art.

Tradiciones Folklorico Academy

Saturday, September 21, 12 – 12:45 p.m., Outside

Tradiciones Folklorico Academy will showcase a beautiful performance to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Tote Paint Party

Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Grab your brushes and get creative as you paint your very own tote bag. This program is for adults 18+. No registration needed.

Cathartic Piñatas for Teens

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Make a piñata symbolizing the letting go of whatever is holding you back. Please register.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Saturday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Introduction to Gluten Free Baking

Saturday, September 28, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Chef Amy Fothergill will discuss the basics of gluten-free baking, the different flours available, as well as how to make your own healthy blend. Please register.

Drawtober Kickoff

Sundays, September 29, October 6, 13, & 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Drawtober is a fun challenge to draw, doodle or sketch. Join us for a kickoff and get a prompt sheet and free sketchpad (while supplies last). Join us in October for some drawing fun.

Hispanic Heritage Month Film Screening

Monday, September 30, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, join us for a screening of the 1997 film *Selena* (PG).

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Inspired by Famous Artists Exhibits**

Through September in the Main Lobby

Enjoy an exhibit of paintings by members of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society.

ESL Class Session

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, September 3 – October 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required. You must be able to attend the entire class session. Attendees must be at least 18 years old.

Band Jam Session

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Grab your guitar or ukulele and let's jam!

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Jurassic Park](#) by Michael Crichton. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, September 5, 12, & 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Indian Carnatic Vocal Concert

Saturday, September 7, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Saratoga Library, in collaboration with SR Fine Arts, invites you to an Indian classical concert by Bay Area musicians from the Indian community.

Tales of Textiles from India

Sunday, September 8, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join an enthralling expedition delving into the enchanted realm of handcrafted textiles.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, September 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession*](#) by Michael Finkel. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Adventures with the @ThruHikers

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Renee Miller and Tim Beissinger document and share videos of their backpacking adventures on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. They have just released a book with tips and recipes. Join us to hear from them.

Family Bingo

Friday, September 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Bring the whole family for bingo. Play and possibly win prizes.

Easy Breezy Chamber Music for Families

Saturday, September 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a chamber music concert presented by the Los Gatos Chamber Music Society. In addition to a performance there will be storytelling about the composers, music and musicians.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, September 16, 6 – 8 p.m.

Drop in and enjoy a variety of board games.

LEGOs

Wednesday, September 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Mandarin Storyline

Thursday, September 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Mandarin and English.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, September 19, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will discuss [*The Great Divide*](#) by Cristina Henríquez. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Practical Introduction to Mindfulness

Sunday, September 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss and practice highly relevant ways that mindfulness of our body, breath and mind can help us make better decisions, improve our health, and more successfully navigate stress and conflict.

Wong Chin Foo: the First Asian American Civil Rights Leader

Sunday, September 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us as Richard Chang presents a theatrical solo piece as Wong Chin Foo, a Chinese American activist, journalist and lecturer during the Gilded Age (1847-1898). Please register.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, September 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

Spanish Storyline

Thursday, September 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Spanish and English.

Understanding Medicare: A Comprehensive Guide

Thursday, September 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

This session will provide a thorough overview of Medicare, covering essential topics such as enrollment, premiums, the different parts of Medicare (A, B, C, and D), Medigap policies, and how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud. Register online.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Sunday, September 29, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Woodland Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 10, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

We discuss mostly contemporary fiction and nonfiction titles. Space is limited. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to get monthly reminders.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

The New Digital SAT

Tuesday, September 3, 6 – 7 p.m.

Discover essential tips, strategies, and insights on how to excel in this digital format, ensuring you're fully prepared to conquer the test.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Garrett Graff

Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

An expert at capturing the human drama, [Garrett Graff](#) will speak about his body of work with particular focus on the oral histories, [The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11](#) and [When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Justin Lee

Tuesday, September 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Justin Lee will discuss his two books, [Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate](#) and [Talking Across the Divide: How to Communicate with People you Disagree with and Maybe Even Change the World](#).

American Beauty: An Art Talk

Tuesday, September 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

The collection, assembled by Bernard and Barbro Osher, spans the years of 1848 to 1960 and reflects an exceptionally dynamic and complicated period in American culture.

Virtual Author Talk: Nate Klemp, PhD

Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Author and philosopher [Nate Klemp](#) will help us explore pathways back to open-minded living when he talks about the core tenets in his new book, [Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Liane Moriarty

Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mega bestselling author [Liane Moriarty](#) will discuss her new novel, [Here One Moment](#), a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, and grief and love.

Estate Planning Before and After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8 p.m.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will sunset at the end of 2025. Learn how estate taxes will change and how to prepare.

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SCCLD Has Treats for Everyone this Spooky Season!

The library is a great place to explore the world of make believe. Come in to enjoy our special displays that will get you in the Halloween spirit. Our [blog post](#) has fun book suggestions with ideas for making your own costumes, carving the best jack-o-lantern on the block, and Halloween-themed recipes. We also have a selection of the best new [horror novels](#), if you dare. Our online library has many resources that may be of interest, from DIY projects using [Creativebug](#) to special Halloween movie and TV show offerings from [Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#). [Freegal](#) has special music playlists too.

And of course we have lots of [fun events](#) for all ages to take part in. They range from arts and crafts, movie nights, special family storytimes, and costume parades! So good you will be left shivering.

The Library Makes it Even Easier to Vote

Election Day (November 5) is fast approaching. In addition to the presidential election, there are many important state and local issues on the ballot. Anyone who has not registered to vote yet can do so [online](#) until Monday, October 21. Our libraries also have printed voter registration forms.



Ballots in Santa Clara County will be mailed beginning the week of October 7. SCCLD libraries are once again [early voting](#) sites as well as [drop box](#) sites for mail-in ballots (most sites). Cupertino, Milpitas and Saratoga Libraries will serve as 11-day Vote Centers from 10 am to 6 pm starting on Saturday, October 26. Gilroy and Morgan Hill Libraries will be 4-day Vote Centers from 10 am to 6 pm starting on Saturday, November 2. All five sites will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5).



Finding Where you Came From

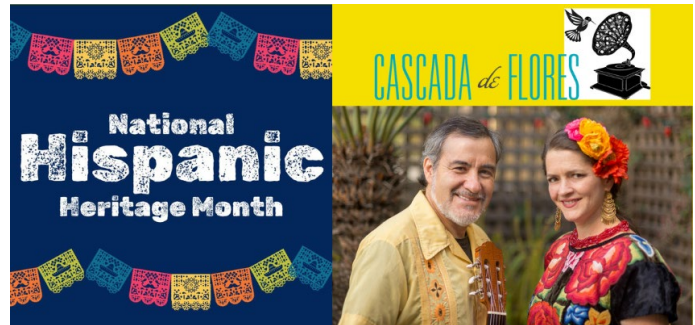
Trace your family roots this October during [Family History Month](#), when individuals are encouraged to research their heritage. With DNA tools, in addition to the use of records and other traditional methods of determining one's genealogy, it is easier than ever to trace all of the branches of one's family tree.

SCCLD offers access to [AncestryLibrary](#) as an in-library service. Come into one of our libraries and use your own device or one of our computers to delve back in time and comb through past birth, marriage, and immigration records of your family members. Find information from the U.S. Census, military records and other vital documents to uncover forgotten histories.

Our [collection](#) also includes hundreds of titles around genealogy, including How To books, eBooks, and Audiobooks. Use [Rosetta Stone](#) to learn a new language to better connect to a newfound identity.

More of Hispanic Heritage Month

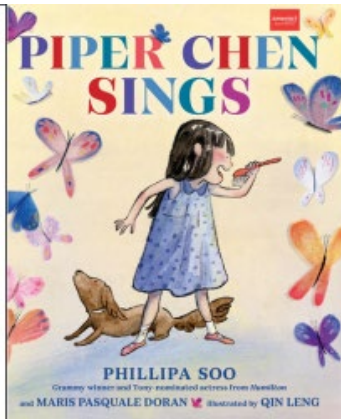
SCCLD's celebration of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which runs through October 15, continues. Several [events are planned](#), including a [flamenco performance](#) in the courtyard of Gilroy Library on Saturday, October 5 and four shows by musical duo [Cascada de Flores](#). Morgan Hill Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Cupertino Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Los Altos Library on [Friday, October 11](#); and Saratoga Library on [Saturday, October 19, Thursday, October 3](#); Cupertino Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Los Altos Library on [Friday, October 11](#); and Saratoga Library on [Saturday, October 19](#).



Our website has blogs [for kids](#) and [teens/adults](#) with lots of great information about the month, as well as library resources for those interested in learning more about Hispanic culture and the many countries that are connected through language and traditions. Our librarians have also compiled several booklists. For children we have [nonfiction](#), [picture book/easy reader fiction](#), and [middle grade fiction](#). Teens have their own [selections](#). Adults have both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) language suggested reading lists.



At the end of the month starts another event with great importance to those of Mexican ancestry, the [Day of the Dead](#), or el Día de los Muertos (November 1 and 2). A combination of the Catholic tradition of All Saints Day brought by the Spanish and native customs of the people of Central Mexico, this is a time when ancestors are honored and remembered. *Ofrendas*, tables with food, flowers and photos of loved ones, are common. Many of our libraries put up decorations and [host events](#) like bilingual storytimes and sugar skull decorating crafts.



Read for the Record

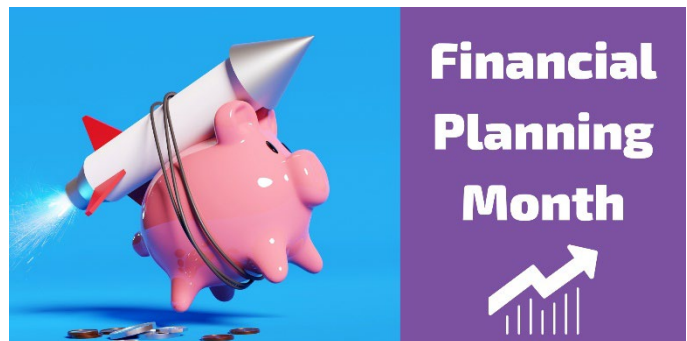
[Jumpstart](#), a national education organization, sponsors an annual worldwide reading event called [Read for the Record](#) to promote early literacy for children preparing for kindergarten. This year's book selection is [Piper Chen Sings](#), the story of a young girl who has to overcome stage fright to perform in front of an audience. County Librarian Jennifer Weeks will be the guest reader at a special preschool [storytime event](#) at Los Altos Library on Thursday, October 24. SCCLD promotes [early learning](#) in many ways, including [1000 Books Before 6](#), storytime, and other [events](#).

through its [Five Skills by Age 6](#) recommendations,

Make Sure to Fill Up the Piggy Bank

As the weather grows colder we are reminded of Aesop's fable about the ant and the grasshopper. When times are good it's important to save for the future, when times may be leaner. That is the idea behind [Financial Planning Month](#).

A good [financial plan](#) involves figuring out how to pay for current expenses, or reduce them, and start saving for short, medium and long-term goals, like retirement and paying for a child's education. The library has many resources to help with these tasks, found in our [Smart Investing](#) and [Business and Investing](#) sections in our Online Library. There you will find [Consumer Reports](#) and finance-related publications like *Bloomberg Businessweek* and *Money* magazine, available through [Flipster](#). We also have personalized pages for kids, teens, women, veterans, and planning for retirement. Our libraries also hold finance-related [events](#), including ones for kids and with certified financial planners.



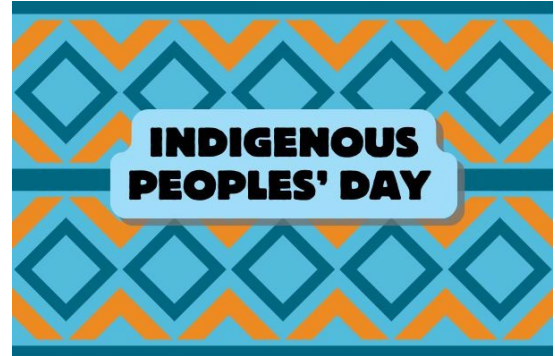
Diwali: the Festival of Lights

This year Diwali, the Hindu celebration of lights, takes place from October 31 to November 1. Many of our libraries are holding [events](#) around the holiday. As a special treat for children, four libraries will host The Puppet Company's performance of [The King's Problem](#), based on the tales of [The Panchatantra](#), a book of moralistic fairy tales from India. Milpitas' event

takes place on Monday, October 21, followed by Los Altos on November 2, and both Gilroy and Morgan Hill on November 3. Keep an eye on our website for a blog post.

Honoring Native Peoples of the Americas

Monday, October 14 is [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#), which honors the contributions and history of Native American communities across North America. Taking the place of the former Columbus Day, the holiday is an important reminder that the "New World" had long been populated before any Europeans landed here. While many of the languages and histories of native peoples have been lost, [several tribes](#) maintain their traditions and keep their cultures thriving.



Enjoy works of indigenous authors with our recommended [fiction](#) and [nonfiction](#) booklists.

Please note that SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be unavailable on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, October 14. Our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7.



October Virtual Author Talks

Each month we bring talks with top authors to you virtually. September's schedule features a trio of authors.

Wednesday, October 2 at 11 am: Join us as Smithsonian-affiliated scientists teach us about the remarkable world of tropical bats! Scientists at the

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute have studied the biodiversity of bats on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, where an astonishing 76 species coexist. These scientists' expertise is captured in [Bat Island: A Rare Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats](#). [Please register](#).

Wednesday, October 9 at 4 pm: free your mind with the highly acclaimed Silvia Moreno-Garcia. A 2022 Distinguished Author, Moreno-Garcia is best known for her novels, [Mexican Gothic](#) and [The Daughter of Doctor Moreau](#). She is back with [The Seventh Veil of Salome](#), which follows two actresses, both determined to make it to the top in Golden Age Hollywood. But this is the tale of three women, for it is also the story of the princess Salome herself, consumed with desire for the fiery prophet who foretells the doom of her stepfather, Herod. [Register now!](#)

Tuesday, October 22 at 11 am: Bestselling author, psychotherapist, and national advice columnist Lori Gottlieb's [Maybe You Should Talk to Someone](#) is a hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprising book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world--where her patients are looking for answers (and so is she). She offers a personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds, providing the rarest of gifts: a revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them. [Register here](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2024 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Monday, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 in the Orchard City Banquet Hall, 10/23 in Q-80 (Roosevelt Room) and 10/30 in Q-84 (Mary Campbell Room)

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Tuesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Learn Hangul (Korean Alphabet) in One Hour!

Tuesday, October 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Hangul is not just any writing system. It is the epitome of scientific reasoning applied to language design. This logical and intuitive script allows you to read and write efficiently and effectively.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Improve your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

Homework Help

Mondays & Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Room Small Study Room

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, October 3 and Monday, October 14, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, October 4 & 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書; 唱兒歌; 用絨布板講故事; 手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturday, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Poetry Workshop: Rhythm & Rhyme

Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O’Leary will share techniques to make your poems more meaningful using rhythm and rhyme, and try these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

3D Printing for Teens

Saturdays, October 5 & 19, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room 201

Student-led organization 3D Collectives is hosting two beginner workshops on 3D printing. The first session will learn the printing software Cura, the second session is on 3D printing hardware. By registering, you agree to attend both workshops. All participants must bring their own computers and install the required software before the workshops.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

California Ballot Propositions Pros and Cons

Sunday, October 6, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

The League of Women Voters will present non-partisan explanations of the California ballot propositions.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Wednesday, October 9, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites everyone to tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture.

A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Water: How Do We Make It Cheaper To Use

Wednesday, October 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

A Valley Water expert will discuss a wide range of topics including gray water systems, water rebates, lawn buster programs, cistern rebates and recharge ponds.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, October 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. For kids ages 10+ and their adult caregiver. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Create CU: Monoprints with Watercolor

Friday, October 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

All instruction and materials will be provided. This program is for adults 18+. Please register to save your spot.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, October 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Fear: Essential Wisdom for Getting Through the Storm*](#) by Thich Nhat Hanh.

Community Poetry and Prose Night: The Ghosts We Carry

Tuesday, October 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Join former Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick as we explore poetry and prose that reveal echoes of the past, both metaphorical and literal, and how they linger after the moment has passed.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Think Tank

Thursday, October 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*If Beale Street Could Talk*](#) by James Baldwin.

Beginner Basket Weaving Workshop

Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

This workshop is perfect for anyone looking to learn the art of basket weaving. All materials and tools to create a small reed basket will be provided. Space is limited, please register online.

Master Gardeners: Sustainable Gardening

Wednesday, October 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

This discussion provides an overview of the key components of sustainable gardening practices, aimed at fostering environmental stewardship and boosting the well-being of your garden.

Poetry Workshop: Rhythm without Rhyme

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O'Leary will share techniques to make your poems more meaningful using rhythm, then try these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Police Read Along

Monday, October 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Join us for a special storytime with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, followed by a tour of the police car and pictures with the officer. Please arrive on time, seating is limited.

General Election Voting

Saturday, October 26 – Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Library will be an official polling site for the 2024 General Election. Voters can also drop off their completed Vote by Mail and Absentee Ballots at this site during the listed hours.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Zumba**

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required.

Zumba presenta ritmos como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

Bilingual English and Vietnamese Storytime/Đọc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

Come read, sing, dance, and play with Miss Như Ý. Mời bé đến đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý.

Resilient Families in English/Familias Resilientes en español

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room & Quiet Study B

Help your child feel safe, secure, and loved and better prepared to start school! Please register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar. Todos bienvenidos según lo permita el espacio.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children's Area

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

Book Discussion

Friday, October 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees*](#) by Meredith May.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, October 4 & 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: Ingles y Español

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarians Patty and Cameron. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecarios Patty y Cameron.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Flamenco Performance

Saturday, October 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., First Floor Courtyard

Enjoy watching the fury and passion of the dance that originated in Andalusia, Spain.

Cinema Sunday/Domingo de Cinema

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 4 p.m., The Nest/el Nido

Join us at the Gilroy Library for family movies. Únase a nosotros para películas familiares.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Each session is different; we will feature a variety of art materials, crafts, or even a touch of engineering and science. Join us to explore new mediums, solve creative challenges, and have fun while learning! Cada sesión es diferente. Presentaremos una variedad de materiales de arte, manualidades, e incluso un toque de ingeniería y ciencia. ¡Únase a nosotros para explorar nuevos medios, resolver desafíos creativos y divertirse mientras aprendes!

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lea cuentos, canta canciones y póngase el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

LEGO Club

Friday, October 11, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library. Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas. Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Master Gardeners: Flowers & Herbs for Late Fall and Winter

Saturday, October 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Many flowers and herbs grow well in cool soil and cool air temperatures. Planting them in containers is an easy way to avoid the winter dormant look. Learn more tips in this program.

STEAM: Mad Scientist Experiments for Ages 8 – 13

Saturday, October 12, 2 – 3 p.m., the Nest

Young minds will engage in hands-on experiments and learn about chemical reactions.

Las mentes jóvenes participarán en experimentos prácticos y aprenderán sobre reacciones químicas.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, October 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Volunteer to Teach an Adult How to Read

Wednesday, October 16, 10 – 11 a.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Register online to attend a tutor orientation.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Saturday, October 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Sugar Skull and Altar Decorating/Decorando Altares y Calaveras de Azúcar

Sunday, October 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Children and their families are welcome to decorate premade sugar skulls as well as miniature altars. One skull and altar per child. Niños y sus familias están invitados a decorar calaveras de azúcar y altares en miniatura. Una calavera y un altar por niño.

Taller de Preparación para Emergencias/Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Monday, October 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Asista a este taller gratuito para aprender sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita con artículos de preparación para emergencias (hasta agotar existencias).

Glow in the Dark Party/Fiesta de Neon

Tuesday, October 22, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest

Get ready for an evening of glowing fun: we'll have glow sticks, painting, glow-in-the-dark games, and more! Don't forget to wear white or neon clothes to shine bright in the dark!

Prepárense para una tarde de diversión brillante. Tendremos barras luminosas, pintura, juegos que brillan en la oscuridad, ¡y mucho más! ¡No olviden de vestirse con ropa blanca o neón para brillar en la oscuridad!

Polymer Clay Halloween Jewelry Making

Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Adults and teens are invited to make festive fall and Halloween inspired jewelry. No experience necessary, please register.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

Monday, October 28, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

Children PreK-6th grade can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo!

Pasa por el Escritorio de Niños cada mes para registrarte para una sesión de lectura de 15 minutos. Para niños desde Prekínder hasta 6to grado.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Monday, October 28, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn about house fire and wildfire safety, home safety, family emergency planning and emergency alert systems. Attendees will receive a free go-bag with emergency preparedness items (while supplies last). Register online.

Trick or Treat

Thursday, October 31, 4 – 6 p.m., Service Desks

Come in your costume and Trick-or-Treat at the Library. Stop by all 3 of our service desks for a candy and fun surprises! Ven en tu disfraz y haz Trick-or-Treat en la Biblioteca. ¡Pasa por nuestros tres escritorios de servicio para recibir un dulce y una sorpresa!

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias**

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers. The Oct. 29 storytime is a special Day of the Dead-themed storytime. ¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores. En martes, el 29 de octubre, será una hora de cuentos especial con tema del Día de los Muertos.

Paint the Night Sky Watercolor Workshop

Tuesday, October 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Artist Viviana Leija-Sysak will share painting techniques while leading the group to create a one-of-a-kind night sky.

Turning the Tide: Community Actions Against Plastic Pollution

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Just about everything in our lives includes plastics and a lot of the plastics we put in recycle bins are not actually recycled. Learn about a community initiative to redirect plastic packaging away from our landfills, and towards the production of decking material that lasts decades.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, October 2, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [The Mother-in-Law](#) by Sally Hepworth.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thurs., Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime. The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

World Affairs

Wednesday, October 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. Doors open at 6:30.

Poetry Open Mic

Tuesday, October 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 3, 17, 24, & 31, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more! The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 5-10 are invited to join members of Mountain View High School's Personal Finance Club to improve your financial literacy skills through fun, interactive games! Be prepared to practice making spending choices and identifying currency. Please register.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Mixed Media Bullet/Junk Journal for Creativity

Tuesday, October 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Participants will be guided through a meditative demonstration to create their own mini journals that can be used as a single booklet or bind multiple journals together to create a collection of their ideas, goals, and sketches. Seating is first come, first served.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Friday, October 11, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture.

A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Halloween Crafts for Kids

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

Children and their families are invited to drop-in and decorate scary or silly art pieces. Supplies and space are limited.

Kira Hooks and Jeff Goodkind Concert

Saturday, October 12, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Filipina-American singer/songwriter Kira Hooks and Jeff Goodkind will perform original songs.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, October 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and games. We have board games for children, teens, and adults – plus LEGOs!

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, October 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Haunted Library*](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler, then do a fun craft.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, October 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Front Desk*](#) by Kelly Yang then do a fun activity. Register online then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Bad Art Night: Halloween Edition

Wednesday, October 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Teens and adults are invited to compete against others to create the most hideous Halloween mask possible. Then vote on a winner!

Tarot Art for Teens and Adults

Thursday, October 17, 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

Join us for Tarot-inspired art and a short reading. Please register. Please note: readings are for entertainment purposes only.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, October 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Happier Aging

Monday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Our workshop will share local resources including senior transportation and home safety tips. Please register.

To Be Read Book Club (6th – 8th grade)

Tuesday, October 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be reading [*Skellig*](#) by David Almond. Please read the book before the meeting. We will discuss it and do a fun activity. Snacks will be provided. Register online and pick up your copy at the Children's Reference Desk.

NorCal Bats

Tuesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to learn about bats and to see some bats up close, as well! Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out at 6:30 p.m.

Pete the Cat's Book Party

Wednesday, October 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Beginner readers are invited to a groovy celebration of Pete the Cat! We'll read some of our favorites and do some fun activities. For kids in TK – 1st grades.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, October 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Travel photographer Pam Perkins will take us on a vibrant tour of India.

Special Preschool Storytime: Read for the Record

Thursday, October 24, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a special Read for the Record storytime with County Librarian Jennifer Weeks. She will read [*Piper Chen Sings*](#) by Phillipa Soo and Maris Masquale Doran.

Paint Party for Adults and Teens

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn to paint with Paul Loughridge. No registration is necessary. All materials will be provided.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, October 25, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Content will be the same for both sessions. Seating is first come, first served.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, October 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read from a favorite book. Register online.

Ballot Measure Pros and Cons

Saturday, October 26, 5 – 6 p.m., Orchard Room

The League of Women Voters will present an explanation of the California ballot measures.

Reviving Memories: Photo Digitization and Restoration Workshop

Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn best practices for efficiently scanning your photos using an automated scanner. You'll then learn how to remove creases, tears and dust spots. Please bring a laptop and mouse with three scanned photos loaded. Please register.

Decorate a Sugar Skull

Sunday, October 27, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead. This drop-in craft is self-directed. Children must be accompanied by their adult craft-buddy.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, October 28, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World*](#) by Henry Grabar.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, October 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Women on Creativity Through Life Stages

Wednesday, October 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Salt and Poetry, a group of Bay Area poets, all women over 50, will share their poetry, discuss the writing life, age and creativity and offer a guided writing activity. Register for a reminder, walk-ins are welcome.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers**

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, and very short and simple picture books. This program is designed for babies up to 12 months.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Bilingual English/Mandarin Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Come make art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, October 2, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三下午 5 點 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1 and 2 year olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Basic Composting Workshop

Thursday, October 3, 6 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Learn the basics of composting at home.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 and 4 year olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, October 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you are stuck and share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but please note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

A Festival of Cat Films

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for an epic and fun-filled celebration of cats! We are running both classic and contemporary movies. Each day is divided into a general theme of cats: Adventure films, family movies, and spooky movies.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, October 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited. Younger siblings and parents are asked to wait outside.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, October 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*Necromancer*](#) by William Gibson.

Board Game Day

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Tiny Dungeon

Saturday, October 12, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Tiny Dungeon is a simplified table-top role-playing game with easy-to-remember rules. We welcome players of all experience levels, ages 13+.

Tarot Art for Teens and Adults

Sunday, October 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for Tarot-inspired art and a short reading. A signup list will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please note: readings are for entertainment purposes only.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, October 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English that nurture imagination, and inspire a love for learning! Furthermore, children will be able to showcase and practice their creative abilities with a variety of crafts activities. Chương trình ICAN Read! mở ra một thế giới đầy màu sắc cùng nhiều câu truyện khơi dậy niềm yêu thích đọc sách ở trẻ. Ngoài ra, các bé có cơ hội thể hiện khả năng sáng tạo của mình thông qua các hoạt động thủ công.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Long ago, Jewish farmers would build a special type of hut called a sukkah near their crops to maximize the time they had for harvesting. Build your own mini sukkah out of yummy materials. Registration required. All materials will be provided.

Special Performance: Fratello Marionettes

Wednesday, October 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Fratello Marionettes presents Spooktacular, which features happy ghosts, Frankenstein, the Purple People Eater, and a not-so-scary spider. Tickets are not required but space is limited.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Thursday, October 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Spooky Crafts for Grades K-5

Friday, October 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate October with us! All materials will be provided. Please register.

Diwali Celebration (ages 13+)

Saturday, October 19, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Henna artists will be ready to give you a personalized design along with a craft, while supplies last.

Special Performance: The King's Problem

Monday, October 21, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for a puppet show based on the tales of the Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India.

Tween Time (Grades 4 – 8)

Wednesday, October 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Comic book lovers and crafters can transform their favorite comic book pages and characters into bookmarks, keychains or picture frames. Registration is required. All supplies provided.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, October 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Itty Bitty Halloween S'Booktacular (ages 0 – 6)

Thursday, October 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Wear your spookiest costume and join the fun! There will be not-so-scary activities, a costume parade, and trick-or-treating in the library.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños**

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes a jueves, 3 a 4 p.m.

Stop by the library and pick up a free after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

Homework Help

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

Induction Cooktop Demo

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Children's Program Room

Meet a local "chefluencer" who will cook a gourmet recipe using an Induction cooktop stove, followed by free samples. Please register.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, October 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*Their Eyes Were Watching God*](#) by Zora Neale Hurston.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Thursday, October 3, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture. A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and Audiobook Help

Thursday, October 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Bring your device in and get help navigating the Libby app.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Kids Keva Club (ages 5+)

Friday, October 4, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails or tape.

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, October 5, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

Drawtober

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Drawtober is a fun challenge to draw, doodle or sketch. We invite teens 13+ and adults to come by and use our self-guide workshop space. We will provide studio-quality tools, tea, and snacks. All skill levels and art styles are welcome. Registration is not required.

Zumba

Mondays, October 7 & 21, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Family Fun Night: Día de los Muertos

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or participate in hands-on STEM activities. This program will focus on decorating sugar skulls.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, October 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Friday, October 11, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Dungeons & Dragons Spooky and Silly Session for Teens (ages 12-18)

Saturday, October 12, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a one-shot D&D adventure. You can choose a silly or spooky storyline. Previous experience is required. Snacks and supplies will be provided. Please register online.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity as we explore amate painting. This is a drop-in program.

Morgan Hill Movie Night

Thursday, October 17, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

We will watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (Rated PG).

AAUW Showcase

Tuesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., In Person and via Zoom

The South County American Association of University Women will dive into important topics like gender equality, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and climate issues. Registration is only required to receive Zoom link.

Teal Pumpkin Painting Party

Sunday, October 27, 1 – 3 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Decorate pumpkins, enjoy a scavenger hunt, and photo booth in the spirit of inclusive fun. Mini pumpkins, paint and decorations will be provided, while supplies last. All ages welcome.

Diwali Craft for Adults

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Decorate your own diya for Diwali. Supplies are limited and crafts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Family Storytime**

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, October 5, 12, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Tiger's Daughter*](#) by K. Arsenault Rivera. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple or Orchard Room

Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

Drop In Tech Help

Thursdays, October 3, 10, & 17, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak or Maple Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

The Latest Happenings in K-8 Education

Saturday, October 5, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Topics discussed include social/emotional learning, transitional kindergarten, COVID-19 recovery, timely help for struggling students and the implications of declining enrollment.

Make a Toy for a Dog in Need

Sunday, October 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

This is a family-friendly program where participants will learn how to braid or sew dog toys from used, machine-washed clothing for local shelter dogs. Please register.

Family Bingo

Friday, October 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Bring the whole family for bingo. Play and possibly win prizes.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, October 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Golden Gate*](#) by Amy Chua. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Planning a Simple Native Garden for Beginners

Tuesday, October 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us to learn each step of a plan to create a successful, thriving native garden. Come away with an easy checklist and all the resources you need to get started on your own yard.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, October 10, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*Sea of Poppies*](#)/[罌粟海](#) by Amitav Ghosh. The discussion is primarily in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版，討論則將以中文為主。

Kids Candy Experiments

Tuesday, October 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for experiments with popular candy. All ages welcome, no registration necessary.

Travel Program

Tuesday, October 15, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

We are taking a photographic excursion to Cambodia and Vietnam.

LEGOs

Wednesday, October 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Mandarin Storyline

Thursday, October 17, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Mandarin and English.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, October 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Saturday, October 19, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture. A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, October 21, 6 – 8 p.m.,

We have a variety of board games to choose from.

Spanish Storyline

Thursday, October 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Spanish and English.

General Election Voting

Saturday, October 26 – Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saratoga Library will be an official polling site for the 2024 General Election. Voters can also drop off their completed Vote by Mail and Absentee Ballots at this site during the listed hours.

Halloween Trivia Night for Adults

Monday, October 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Maple Room

Compete with a group or individually and put your Halloween knowledge to the test. You will be using Mentimeter, so make sure at least one person has internet access from a device.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, October 31, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Homework Help

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Family Storytime: Breakfast

Sunday, October 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio

Join us for a breakfast-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Family Storytime: Halloween

Sunday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio

Join us for a Halloween-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Understanding the College Admission Rubric

Tuesday, October 1, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Once you're admitted into a university, you can read your admissions file to find out what got you into that school. Learn from successful college students who have seen their own files, to find out about who reads your application and the specific rubric it's graded against before you're admitted.

Demons, Creatures, and Monsters, Oh My!

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

Meet the mythical creatures, legendary beasts, and terrifying monsters that have populated Asian art for centuries. Today, they continue to thrill, terrify, entertain, and inspire.

Virtual Author Talk: Smithsonian Scientists

Wednesday, October 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For decades, scientists at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute have studied the biodiversity of bats on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, where an astonishing seventy-six species coexist. [Bat Island](#) is a captivating visual journey into the fascinating world of these elusive night creatures.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 31, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, October 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Silvia Moreno-Garcia will discuss her new novel, [*The Seventh Veil of Salome*](#).

College Essays: The Common App

Wednesday, October 9, 5 – 6 p.m.

A great college essay highlights a student's personal attributes, how they are unique from their peers, and the kind of impact they can contribute to their community. Join us for a presentation with Q&A by a college counselor to learn how to make your essay stand out.

Virtual Author Talk: Lori Gottlieb

Tuesday, October 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*](#) by Lori Gottlieb offers a deeply personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and providing the rarest of gifts: a boldly revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a disarmingly funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them.

Timeless Traditions: Expressions of the Divine in Indian Art

Tuesday, October 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

Explore the vast collection of South Asian art through the prism of four belief systems founded there: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Discover how deities and the divine have been depicted for thousands of years by the artists of India and neighboring cultures.

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Helping SCCLD Climb to Greater Heights

Santa Clara County Library District is seeking feedback from the community on their experiences with our collections, programs, services, and facilities to help inform and prioritize our future offerings. From October 28 through

November 24, community members are invited to take the online survey, and asked to rate library services, rank priorities, and tell us what would bring them into the library if they are not currently a library patron.

This survey consists of two dozen questions and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The Community Survey is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Traditional Chinese. All residents, not only library patrons, are encouraged to participate.

The survey can be found at scclld.org/communitysurvey/.

Vote at the Library

Election Day (Tuesday, November 5) is almost here and our libraries are once again ready to help voters cast their ballots. Drop off your completed and signed ballots at a box next to our libraries

(for the Campbell Express, it's by the Campbell Community Center pool). Or, if you prefer to vote in person, drop by one of our five locations that are hosting [Vote Centers](#): Cupertino, Gilroy, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Saratoga Libraries. If you have not yet registered to vote, you still can if you do so in person at a Vote Center or the [Registrar of Voters office](#) using a [provisional ballot](#).



11-Day Vote Center Locations		4-Day Vote Center Locations	
October 26, 2024 - November 4, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.		November 2, 2024 - November 4, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
1	Cupertino Library - Community Rooms 201A & 201B 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014	1	Gilroy Library - Meeting Room 350 W 6th St, Gilroy, CA 95020
2	Milpitas Library - Auditorium 160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035	2	Morgan Hill Library - Program Room 107 660 W Main Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
3	Saratoga Library - Community Room 13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070	All Centers Open from 7AM to 8PM on November 5	



Silicon Valley Reads Theme Announced

[Silicon Valley Reads](#) takes on AI with its 2025 theme, “***Empowering Humanity: Technology for a Better World.***” This annual countywide reading events kicks off January 30, 2025 and will explore themes around new tech and its potential to help make a more just and equitable society. Leading figures in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) movement will share insights into the

latest advancements and applications. The ethical implications of AI and other emerging technologies will also be explored in depth.

The featured books for adults are [The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration, and Discovery at the Dawn of AI](#) by “the Godmother of AI” Dr. Fei-Fei Li; [The Mountain in the Sea](#), a captivating sci-fi tale involving a highly intelligent octopus species by Ray Nayler; and [Loneliness & Company](#) by Charlee Dyroff, a look at human connection in a near-future New York City.

Young readers can embark on their technological journeys with books like [Someday, Maybe](#) by Diana Murray for early learners, [ARTificial Intelligence](#) by David Biedrzycki for lower elementary students, and the beloved book (recently adapted to film) [The Wild Robot](#) by Peter Brown for upper elementary students. Local author Lindsay Lackey’s [Farther Than the Moon](#) is the recommended book for teens, and the compelling graphic novel, [The Infinity Particle](#) by Wendy Xu is best suited for high students and young adults.

Hundreds of events will be held at SCCLD libraries, other local library systems and locations across the county during February and March. Look for those in our monthly calendar as well as on our [online event calendar](#). The full calendar of events will be available in January at siliconvalleyreads.org/.

Time to Give Thanks

This is the time of year for appreciation! We here at the Library are most thankful for the continued support of our patrons, city partners, library support groups, and our community members.

Keep an eye out for our Thanksgiving blog on our website, along with [new booklists](#) to help celebrate the season. We have several [cookbooks](#) with recipes that will help you with your Thanksgiving meal planning. Our [collection](#) also includes titles about decorating and the history of the holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!





Celebrating America's First Peoples

[Native American Heritage Month](#) recognizes the history and cultures of the Native peoples of the United States, including their many contributions to American life. It is also a time to [raise awareness](#) about the unique challenges that Native Americans have faced both historically and in the present, as well as the successes of today's tribal citizens.

Join the library this November to enjoy free programs and activities including virtual and in-person author talks, related book clubs, movie showings and a [Contemporary Indigenous Voices Short screening and presentation](#). Families can also enjoy an outing at [Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park](#) with the Gilroy Library, and for more experienced hikers, a [guided hike following in Ohlone footsteps](#). Find our [full calendar online](#). Please note, some programs require advanced registration.

Honoring our Armed Forces

There are over [18 million veterans](#) of the U.S. Armed Forces nationwide, nearly 9% of them living here in California. Two-thirds of veterans have served post-Vietnam, with the large majority having taken part in Gulf War era deployments. Visit [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) for more info.



Each year, we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11, the anniversary of the end of the "[War to End All Wars](#)." We honor the service of our family, friends, and neighbors who had or are currently serving in a military branch.

The Library offers a number of resources for veterans and their families, from [smart investing tips](#), to our [Veterans Resources](#) page, which includes [Brainfuse's VetNow resource](#). The platform offers live assistance with a variety of services including navigating eligible VA benefits, tutors that provide job coaching, and skill building lessons with practice tests to master high school equivalency, college entrance exams, career prep, GRE, ESL, and more.

Please note that SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be unavailable on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day, as well as on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7.

Changes Coming to a Popular Resource

We want to let patrons know of an upcoming change coming to the popular language learning resource, [Rosetta Stone](#).

Starting this month, the vendor will migrate its platform, which means user progress and accounts will be reset. If users want to continue using this free resource, they need to record their last activity before the migration begins and keep track of any progress until the migration is complete.

After the migration is complete, please register for a new Rosetta Stone account. Please visit this [blog](#) for instructions on how to identify a user's last activity, and how to bring an account up to date after the migration.

If you have never tried Rosetta Stone, this is a great online resource for language learning in up to 30 different languages! It's also FREE with your [SCCLD library card](#).



November Virtual Author Talks

We have an exciting lineup of virtual author events in November.

Navajo Ranger [Stanley Milford Jr.](#) is joining us online on Thursday, November 7 at 4 p.m. to chat about his memoir [The Paranormal Ranger](#), which includes investigations into bizarre cases of the paranormal and the unexplained in Navajoland. Please [register](#).

Tune in on Thursday, November 14 at 1 p.m. for a special conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author [Javier Zamora](#) who will share his riveting tale of survival and perseverance as told in his award-winning memoir [Solito](#). Zamora's adventure is a 3,000-mile journey from El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border at the age of 9. Please register for the [English program](#). There will also be a [Spanish language program](#) on November 9 at 11 a.m.

You're invited to join us as [Mona Susan Power](#) chats about her newest novel, [A Council of Dolls](#) on Wednesday, November 20 at 4 p.m. This conversation highlights how her work explores Native Rights and Native American culture, in particular using an important symbol that anchors comfort and companionship in Native life: dolls. *A Council of Dolls* is the story of three women, told in part through the stories of the dolls they carried. Please [register](#) for this program.

Milford and Power's programs are taking place during SCCLD's celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

Patrons Get a Kick Out of BayFC cards

SCCLD patrons picked up the new Bay FC design library cards by the thousands during Library Card Sign Up Month in September. The successful partnership with the new professional women's soccer team helped boost the number of new library accounts.

Members of the BayFC team participated in a [special storytime](#) at Milpitas Library, read a story, and gave a soccer demonstration to the families in attendance. Congratulations to Bay FC on their tied record for the most wins by an expansion team. They are scheduled to play their last game on Saturday, November 2, with a shot at making the playoffs. Our libraries still have a limited supply of the collector edition cards.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2024 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day and November 28 & 29
for the Thanksgiving holiday****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, & 19, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall (11/20 will be in the Roosevelt Room/Room Q-80)

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

General Election Voting

Friday, November 1 – Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Library is a voting site for the early and Election Day voting.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, November 1 & 15, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書; 唱兒歌; 用絨布板講故事; 手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturday, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, November 3, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and prewalking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Homework Help

*Mondays & Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Room
Small Study Room*

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Let's Make Mini Ofrendas (Grades 5 – 8)

Monday, November 4, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

An ofrenda is a way to remember family members, friends, pets, and others who have passed away. We will decorate a wooden box with paint, paper mache and other materials. All materials will be provided. Please register.

Reading Buddies

Monday, November 4, and Thursday, November 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

ESL Conversation Club

*Tuesdays, November 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A (Nov. 5 will be held in the
Cupertino Community Hall)*

Improve your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, November 7, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, November 8, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

AI Bridge for Teens (2-part workshop)

Saturdays, November 9 & 16, 2 – 6 p.m., Room 201

The goal is to bridge the gap between AI and other disciplines by guiding attendees through the fundamentals of AI as well as the basics of large language models like ChatGPT. Participants must attend both sessions. All attendees should bring a fully charged laptop and have a Google account. Register online.

Film Screening and Presentation

Saturday, November 9, 3 – 4:15 p.m.

Photographer and documentarian Kirti Bassendine presents *Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's South Coast Range*. This special event is in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, November 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Across Many Mountains: A Tibetan Family's Epic Journey from Oppression to Freedom*](#) by Yangzom Brauen.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, November 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

Children are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Chinese Book Discussion

Thursday, November 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Ye wan de xue dou shi hei de*](#) (*At Night All Blood Is Black*) by David Diop. This discussion will be in Mandarin.

LGBTQ+ Listening Forum

Thursday, November 14, 6 – 8 p.m., Room 201

This program will address county programs and initiatives relevant to the LGBTQ+ experience. Please register.

The Path to Fulfillment: Harnessing Mindfulness and Compassion

Saturday, November 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Led by Nilushka Melnickis, this talk delves into the transformative power of mindfulness and compassion and their profound impact on our core emotions. Please register.

Sunday Line Dance Program

Sunday, November 17, 2 – 3:15 p.m., Room 201

Get started with step-by-step instruction of dance movements. The featured dance in November is the cha-cha. This is for beginners to improver levels. No registration required.

Empower Empathy Parenting Workshop

Sunday, November 17, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 101

This interactive workshop incorporates the board game Empower Empathy as well as offering a hands-on and practical learning experience for parenting. Please register.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*The Last Animal*](#) by Ramona Ausubel.

Zero Food Waste

Wednesday, November 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Manage food waste and ensure sustainable cooking practices at home.

Dinovember Origami (Grades K+)

Thursday, November 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room 101

Learn to fold 3 kinds of dinosaurs. Folding paper will be provided. Supplies are limited.

Paying for College with Scholarships: Finding Scholarships that Fit

Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201A

This workshop will teach a 3-step process for online searches and a better sense of how public institutions, private donors, and large organizations advertise scholarship opportunities. Register online.

Zuni Water Jar Drawing (ages 6+)

Monday, November 25, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Learn about the ancient Zuni tribe from Northwestern New Mexico and create your own Zuni water jar drawing. Space is limited.

Children's Bingo

Tuesday, November 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

School-aged children are invited to try their luck at BINGO.

Family Game Day

Wednesday, November 27, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Enjoy all of your favorite board games including Monopoly, Scrabble, puzzles, card games, and more. Also try our Library Mini Golf and try your hand putting your way through the stacks.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Book Discussion

Friday, November 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The Measure](#) by Nikki Erlick.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, November 1 & 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Homework & Reading Help

Mondays – Friday, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Some tutors are bilingual and speak Spanish and Vietnamese.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: Ingles y Español

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarians Patty and Cameron. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecarios Patty y Cameron.

Master Gardeners: Winter Fruit Tree Care

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B

Learn how to keep fruit trees healthy in the winter. This includes pest control and basic principles of pruning.

The King's Problem: A Diwali Puppet Show

Sunday, November 3, 1:15 – 2 p.m.

The King's Problem is based on the tales of The Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India. This show features classical and Bollywood music from India.

Cinema Sunday/Domingo de Cinema

Sunday, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1:30 – 4 p.m., The Nest/el Nido

Join us at the Gilroy Library for family movies. Únase a nosotros para películas familiares.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar

Mondays, November 4, 18, & 25, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Area

Each session is different; we will feature a variety of art materials, crafts, or even a touch of engineering and science. Join us to explore new mediums, solve creative challenges, and have fun while learning! Cada sesión es diferente; presentaremos una variedad de materiales de arte, manualidades, e incluso un toque de ingeniería y ciencia. ¡Únete a nosotros para explorar nuevos medios, resolver desafíos creativos y divertirse mientras aprendes!

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, November 4, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

Zumba

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required.

Zumba presenta ritmos como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

Music Lab! / ¡Laboratorio de Música! (Grades 3 – 5)

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6 – 7 p.m., The Nest/El Nido

Participants will create three unique musical instruments—a percussive, a string, and a wind instrument. We'll explore the world of sound and music through fun demonstrations that cover vibrations, pitch, amplitude, and waves. Los participantes crearán tres instrumentos musicales únicos, un instrumento de percusión, un instrumento de cuerda y un instrumento de viento.

¡Exploraremos el fascinante mundo del sonido y la música a través de demostraciones divertidas que cubren vibraciones, tono, amplitud y ondas!

Bilingual English and Vietnamese Storytime / Độc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

Come read, sing, dance, and play with Miss Như Ý.

Mời bé đến đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children's Area

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing

Thursday, November 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

All teen and adult artists welcome. All supplies will be provided. Register to save your spot, walk-ins welcome as space allows.

LEGO Club

Friday, November 8, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library.

Nosotros proporcionamos los LEGOs, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop/Taller de Preparación para Emergencias

Saturday, November 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B

Saturday, November 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B (program in Spanish)

Learn about house fire and wildfire safety, home safety, family emergency planning and emergency alert systems. Attendees will receive a free go-bag with emergency items, while supplies last. Register online.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, November 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Film Screening and Presentation

Tuesday, November 12, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Community Room

Photographer and documentarian Kirti Bassendine presents *Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's South Coast Range*. This special event is in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Gilroy Library at Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park

Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Chitactac-Adams Heritage Park

This is a special place to discover the traditions of the Indigenous people who resided along the Uvas Creek for thousands of years. Families will explore plants, wildlife, and what life was like through activity stations. Registration is required.

Healthier Sweet Treats

Tuesday, November 19, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a demonstration and sampling of some healthier sweet treat candy-style options. Please register for this program. Note: the recipes and samples will contain nuts.

Coffee!

Saturday, November 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for a demonstration and sampling of different coffee creations. These coffees will contain for caffeine, some may call for instant coffee, and may consider milk. Please consider your own health restrictions before registering. Registration is required.

Fall Craft-a-thon

Monday -- Wednesday, November 25 -- 27, Children's Desk

Choose a number of fun crafts to enjoy during the holiday week. This includes scarecrows, wreaths, flowers, and more. Elija entre una variedad de manualidades divertidas para disfrutar durante la semana festiva. Le proporcionaremos materiales para que haga decoraciones de otoño como espantapájaros, coronas, flores y más.

Reading Buddies / Compañeros de lectura

Monday, November 25, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

Children PreK-6th grade can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo! Pasa por el Escritorio de Niños cada mes para registrarte para una sesión de lectura de 15 minutos. Para niños desde Prekínder hasta 6to grado.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The Seed Keeper*](#) by Diane Wilson.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Baby Sign and Stay & Play**

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

The King's Problem: A Diwali Puppet Show

Saturday, November 2, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

The King's Problem is based on the tales of The Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India. This show features classical and Bollywood music from India.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, November 4, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime / Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers.

¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, November 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [The Good Daughter](#) by Karin Slaughter.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

Poetry Open Mic

Wednesday, November 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

World Affairs

Wednesday, November 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. Doors open at 6:30.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more! The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

From the Sun to Europa

Thursday, November 7, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss two NASA missions exploring our Solar System: the Parker Solar Stroke circling the sun and the Europa Clipper, tasked with determining whether Jupiter's Europa moon could support life.

Eating Disorders and Body Positivity

Friday, November 8, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to recognize the symptoms, how social media impacts body image, and ways to battle these challenges.

Bug Bot Races (Grades K+)

Saturday, November 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

We will make cardboard mazes for little robot bugs. This program is self-directed so kids are encouraged to bring their adult caregiver. Supplies are limited.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, November 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and games. We have board games for children, teens, and adults – plus LEGOs!

舒缓肩颈背痛 健康讲座/Relieve Shoulder, Neck and Back Pain

Tuesday, November 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

讲座内容包括：颈部疼痛、不良姿势、前倾头部和驼背的可能原因，如何在繁忙工作中放松颈部和背部。请您提前登记以获得活动提醒，当然，无预约都欢迎! Come learn about possible causes of neck pain, poor posture, forward head, and hunchback. Register for an event reminder.

STEM Book Club and Activity with Keira Chang

Wednesday, November 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join author Keira Chang for a book club featuring her book, *How Do Ouchies Heal?* Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the children's reference desk.

Paint Party for Adults and Teens

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Paint with artist Paul Loughridge. All materials will be provided, and seating will be offered on a first come, first served basis. No registration necessary.

Preschool Storytime with Keira Chang

Thursday, November 14, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join author Keira Chang for a storytime featuring her book, *How Do Rainbows Work?*

A Tale of Two Bridges and Round Earth

Thursday, November 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Find out how an unusual photograph through a telescope of two San Francisco bridges clearly shows the curvature of the Earth. Measurements from this photo, bridge dimensions, and a few calculations can result in a surprisingly accurate radius of the Earth!

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Content will be the same for both sessions. Seating is first come, first served.

Writer's Workshop with Author Keira Chang (Grades 6+)

Friday, November 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Keira will discuss her inspiration to become a young author and share tips and tricks she has learned along the way. Please register.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

3D Printing & CAD for Teens

Sundays, November 17 & 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Student-led organizations 3D Collectives and FRC Team 649 are hosting two beginner workshops on 3D printing and CAD. By registering, you agree to attend both workshops. Participants must bring their own computers and install the required software before the workshops.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, November 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Happier Aging

Monday, November 18, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Our workshop will share local resources including senior transportation and home safety tips. Please register.

Film Screening and Presentation

Monday, November 18, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Photographer and documentarian Kirti Bassendine presents *Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's South Coast Range*. This special event is in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, November 19, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30- minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, November 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Mystery of the Gold Coin*](#) by Harper Paris. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Pain Management: Upper Back and Neck

Tuesday, November 19, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn the possible causes of neck pain, poor posture, forward head and hunchback. Register for an event reminder.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, November 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Fourteenth Goldfish*](#) by Jennifer Holm. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Art Class for Adults and Teens

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for an art class led by Drawn2Art studio. Seating will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. All materials will be provided.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, November 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Light Pirate*](#) by Lily Brooks-Dalton.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, November 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Hope Was Here](#) by Joan Bauer. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Knit & Crochet Circle**

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you are stuck and share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but please note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Family Board Game (Ages 6+)

Fridays, November 1 & 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Learn about different types of games during this family event.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, November 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited. Younger siblings and parents are asked to wait outside.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Homework Help is not available on November 11, and 25 – 28.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. This program is designed for babies up to 12 months.

Children's Book Character Election Voting

Tuesday, November 5, 3 – 5 p.m., Activity Room

Stop by the Children's Activity Room to vote and choose the winner of our book character election. You can also vote at the Children's Reference Desk from Nov. 2 – 5.

Bilingual English/Mandarin Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County (Ages 3 – 5)

Wednesday, November 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, November 6, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三下午5點 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1 and 2 year olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 – 5 year olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Board Game Day

Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

College Essay Meetup

Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Program Room

Join other students as you prepare for college applications. This will be a dedicated time and space to focus on college essays before the due date. Drop in as needed.

Paying for College with Scholarships: Finding Scholarships that Fit

Saturday, November 9, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room (formerly the Computer Training Room)

This workshop will teach a 3-step process for online searches and a better sense of how public institutions, private donors, and large organizations advertise scholarship opportunities.

Register online.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, November 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, November 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*Neverwhere*](#) by Neil Gaiman.

Special Performance: Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, November 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Puppet Art Theater presents Goldilocks and the Three Sharks.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, November 15 & 22, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Tiny Dungeon (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Program Room

Play a simplified version of Dungeons & Dragons with easy to remember rules. We'll be playing a librarian-led one shot. All players of all experience levels are welcome. Please register.

Writing Family History with AI

Saturday, November 16, 3 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Learn storytelling fundamentals from traditional tales to AI-generated narratives. Discover how AI can enhance your writing process and create captivating stories.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, November 20, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English that nurture imagination, and inspire a love for learning! Furthermore, children will be able to showcase and practice their creative abilities with a variety of crafts activities. Chương trình ICAN Read! mở ra một thế giới đầy màu sắc cùng nhiều câu chuyện khơi dậy niềm yêu thích đọc sách ở trẻ. Ngoài ra, các bé có cơ hội thể hiện khả năng sáng tạo của mình thông qua các hoạt động thủ công.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, November 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will make paper wau bulan, a traditional Malaysian kite. Registration required. All materials will be provided.

Tween Time (Grades 4 – 8)

Friday, November 22, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will use Sharpies to make attractive designs on coasters to bring home. Please register at the Children’s Help Desk. All materials will be provided.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, November 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Ghibli Family Movie Marathon

Monday, November 25 -- Wednesday, November 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate the magic of Studio Ghibli by watching some of the studio’s most beloved animated movies like *Ponyo*, *My Neighbor Totoro*, and *Kiki’s Delivery Service*.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Tiny Tot Jamboree**

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Kids Keva Club (ages 5+)

Friday, November 1, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails or tape.

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español e inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

The King's Problem: A Diwali Puppet Show

Sunday, November 3, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

The King's Problem is based on the tales of The Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India. This show features classical and Bollywood music from India.

Homework Help

Mondays, November 4 & 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, November 5, 12, & 19, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Star Party: Jupiter & Saturn

Monday, November 4, 8 – 9 p.m., Parking Lot

Join the San Jose Astronomical Association and see Jupiter and other deep space objects through telescopes. Please register.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, November 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, November 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we will discuss [*A Mind Spread Out on the Ground*](#) by Alicia Elliott.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Thursday, November 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smartphone and kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Fridays, November 8 & 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Beekeeping Basics

Sunday, November 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Program Room

The Gilroy Beekeepers Association will cover the essentials of becoming a backyard beekeeper and offer participants a chance to explore the unique flavors of local honey.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will play and build with Keva Planks.

Morgan Hill Movie Night

Saturday, November 16, 2 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, join us for a screening of *Killers of the Flower Moon* (2023; Rated R).

Bollybe: Bollywood Dance Workshop for Teens & Adults

Monday, November 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Groove to energetic Bollywood beats and explore a bit of South Asian culture and heritage. No previous experience required. Participants should bring water, wear comfortable clothing and wear sneakers.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, November 19, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

Flowers & Herbs for Late Fall and Winter

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Program Room

Find out how easy it is to have fresh culinary herbs and colorful flowers during the cold months.

DIY Beeswax Candles for Adults

Tuesday, November 19, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Each participant will be able to create and take home two beeswax candles. Supplies are limited, crafts are available on a first come, first serve basis. No registration needed.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, November 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity as we make a pop art collage. This is a drop-in program.

Zumba

Monday, November 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Film Screening and Presentation

Tuesday, November 26, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

Photographer and documentarian Kirti Bassendine presents *Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's South Coast Range*. This program is in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Lens of Imagination Art Exhibit**

Through November 30, Group Study Room

Enjoy this art created by students in grades 5 – 12.

General Election Voting

Friday – Monday, November 1 – 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saratoga Library is a voting site for the early and Election Day voting.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, November 2, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, November 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*Mother-Daughter Murder Night*](#) by Nina Simon. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, November 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Frankenstein](#) by Mary Shelley. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple or Orchard Room

Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

Drop In Tech Help

Thursdays, November 7 & 14, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak or Maple Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Computer Aided Design (CAD) Workshop for Grades 4 – 7

Saturday and Sunday, November 9 & 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn to ideate and design 3D objects with TinkerCAD and take home 3D printed models. All participants must be able to attend both sessions. Registration is required. Each child will need to have an active email account.

The King's Problem: A Diwali Puppet Show

Saturday, November 9, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

The King's Problem is based on the tales of The Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India. This show features classical and Bollywood music from India.

Diya Painting for Diwali

Saturday, November 9, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Decorate your own diya. No registration required.

Henna Art for Diwali

Saturday, November 9, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Beautify your hand with a simple design. First come, first served, while supplies last.

Indian Classical Dance

Saturday, November 9, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a performance of Odissi and Kuchipudi dance styles.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, November 12 & 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey.

Saratoga Garden Club

Tuesday, November 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

This club is a space where people can share their gardening stories, discuss current gardening literature, host plant swaps/trades, and learn tips and tricks of gardening.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, November 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Mandarin and English.

Teen Fall Coffeehouse

Friday, November 15, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Saratoga's talent show without judgement. Teen audiences just stop by for free snacks and an amazing show.

Chamber Music Concert

Saturday, November 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

Enjoy a delightful chamber music concert presented by dedicated volunteer musicians from the Los Gatos Chamber Music Society.

Kids STEM (Grades 2 – 7)

Saturday, November 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

Explore exciting experiments like a bubbling volcano, colorful fireworks in a jar, and super-stretchy slime. First come, first served.

Family Bingo

Sunday, November 17, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Bring the whole family for bingo. Play and possibly win prizes.

Making 3D Paper Characters

Sunday, November 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to make your own 3D figures of animated movie and video game characters using paper, scissors, crayons and tape. Please register.

Dino Fossils (Grades K-5)

Tuesday, November 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Calling all paleontologists! Uncover and identify a fossil within a "dino egg." Space is limited, no registration necessary. One egg per child, while supplies last.

Travel Program: Guatemala

Tuesday, November 19, 7:15 – 8 p.m.

Experience Antigua's lavish Easter processions, explore Lake Atitlán's Mayan villages by boat, and travel to the jungle to visit Tikal.

LEGOs

Wednesday, November 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, November 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, November 21, 1 – 2 p.m.

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we will be reading [*This Tender Land*](#) by William Kent Krueger. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Guided Hike: Following in Ohlone Footsteps

Friday, November 22, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Mount Umunhum

Join us for a moderately-paced hike (600' of climbing, approximately 3.5 miles) along the partially shaded Mount Umunhum Trail. Learn how native peoples who lived here for thousands of years cared for the land before the arrival of Europeans. Registration is necessary. Please plan to bring plenty of water, a snack or lunch, comfortable hiking shoes and hiking poles (optional).

Indian Classical Dance

Saturday, November 23, 1:15 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy Kuchipudi and Kathak dance performances.

Paying for College with Scholarships: Finding Scholarships that Fit

Sunday, November 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

This workshop will teach a 3-step process for online searches and a better sense of how public institutions, private donors, and large organizations advertise scholarship opportunities. Register online.

Spanish Storytime

Wednesday, November 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Spanish and English.

Teen Movie Afternoon

Saturday, November 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a screening of *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* (Rated PG-13). Snacks will be provided.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Family Storytime: Dinosaurs

Sunday, November 3, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio

Join us for a dinosaur-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, November 4, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Homework Help

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, & 19, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Family Storytime: Thankful

Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio

Join us for a thankful-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Paying for College with Scholarships: The Complex Landscape of Scholarships

Monday, November 4, 6 – 7 p.m.

College scholarships exist for everyone, regardless of academic merit or personal background. We will demystify the complex networks and application processes related to scholarships and introduce an approach towards navigating merit and community-based scholarships.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Stanley Milford Jr.

Thursday, November 7, 4 – 5 p.m.

Navajo Ranger Stanley Milford, Jr. will discuss his memoir, [*The Paranormal Ranger*](#), which recounts bizarre cases of the paranormal and unexplained in Navajoland.

Virtual Author Talk: Javier Zamora

Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Español)

Thursday, November 14 at 1 – 2 p.m. (English)

Bestselling author Javier Zamora will share his riveting tale of survival and perseverance as told in his award-winning memoir, [Solito](#). Sintonice una conversación especial con el exitoso autor del New York Times, Javier Zamora, quien compartirá su fascinante historia de supervivencia y perseverancia, tal como se cuenta en su premiado libro de memorias [Solito](#).

Scam Alert: Detecting Fraud

Tuesday, November 12, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Presented by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, you'll learn about different types of scams, how they work, the red flags and warning signs, and how to safeguard yourself and community from these threats.

Medicare 101

Monday, November 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn about the basic of Medicare and how to get started.

Virtual Author Talk: Mona Susan Power

Wednesday, November 20, 4 – 5 p.m.

Mona Susan Power will talk about her novel, [A Council of Dolls](#), which explores Native Rights and Native American culture, in particular using an important symbol that anchors comfort and companionship in Native life: dolls.